



MY NAME'S ZIO.

THROUGH RELIGION,  
I OVERCAME MY FEAR OF SPACE,  
CHOSE A CAREER WHERE I CAN SHOW OFF  
MY ABILITIES AND AM NOW REVERED  
AS THE GREATEST IN MY FIELD,

IN THE PAST, PEOPLE CREATED  
A LOT OF DARK SCI-FI MOVIES ABOUT  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION OR  
ROBOT REBELLIONS,

IN THE WORST CASE SCENARIO,  
EVEN IF I DIE HERE, I'LL BE REBORN  
IN A BEAUTIFUL PLACE.





WHEN I WAS LITTLE,  
I COULDN'T EVEN WATCH  
MOVIES ABOUT SPACE,

BECAUSE THEY'D  
GIVE ME TERRIBLE  
NIGHTMARES...

...HAD TO.

NO ONE ON EARTH COULD SAVE ME;  
MAYBE I'D HAVE TO FACE ETERNAL  
LONELINESS IN A PLACE WHERE TIME  
AND SPACE ARE TWISTED...



IS THIS...

REALLY... ?

EVEN IF IT MEANS GIVING UP ALL  
THE WARP ENERGY ON THIS PLANET,  
THEY SAID WE HAD TO STOP THE ALIENS FROM  
USING WARP TECHNOLOGY AT ALL COSTS.

WHAT IF, AFTER DYING HERE, THERE IS  
NO AFTERLIFE AND I HAVE TO SPEND  
ETERNITY WANDERING ALONE?

WHAT IF I WAIT FOR THEM TO FINISH MAKING  
THEIR OWN WARP DEVICE, THEN HITCH A RIDE  
BACK TO EARTH ONE AND DIE THERE...

WOULDN'T I GET TO GO TO THE AFTERLIFE THEN?  
OF COURSE, COUNTLESS OTHER PEOPLE  
WOULD HAVE TO DIE...

THEY MAY ONLY BE BEHIND  
ON TECHNOLOGY BECAUSE THEY  
NEVER FELT THE NEED TO DEVELOP IT,  
WITH THEIR PHENOMENAL  
PHYSICAL ABILITIES.

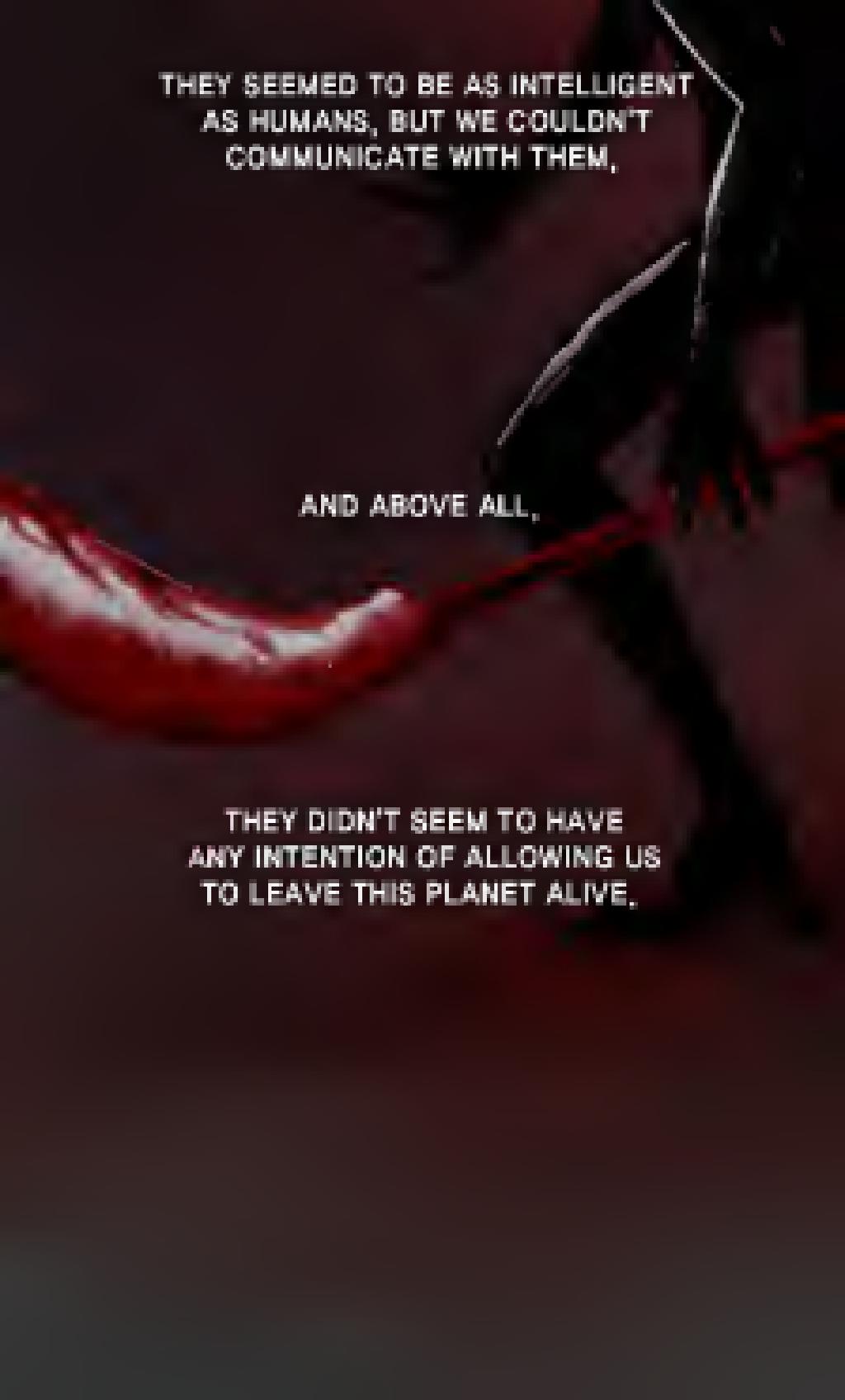
THE SECOND BASE WAS RAZED TO  
THE GROUND BY JUST FIVE OF THEM.  
DID YOU SEE THE VIDEO TRANSMISSION?





NO NO, NOTHING  
LIKE THAT... UM....

I WAS JUST TELLING YOU  
WHAT I BELIEVE. IT'S NOT ABOUT  
WHO'S RIGHT OR WRONG...



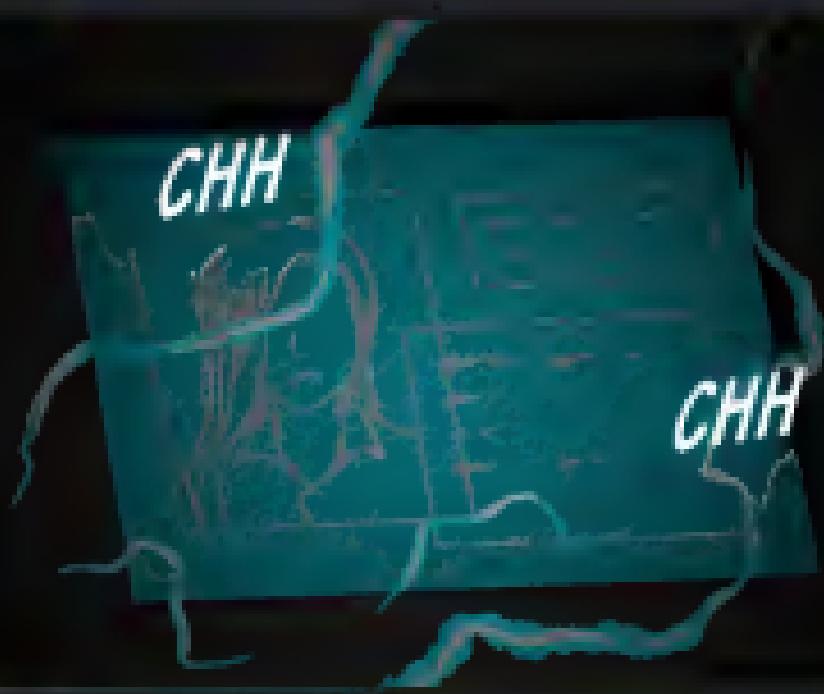
THEY SEEMED TO BE AS INTELLIGENT  
AS HUMANS, BUT WE COULDN'T  
COMMUNICATE WITH THEM.

AND ABOVE ALL,

THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE  
ANY INTENTION OF ALLOWING US  
TO LEAVE THIS PLANET ALIVE.

**THOSE BASTARDS STOLE  
OUR WARP DEVICE.**

ZIO, GOD WILL SURELY COMMEND  
YOUR SELF-SACRIFICING SPIRIT.



I'M SURE HE'LL SAVE YOU THE BEST PLACE  
OF ALL IN PARADISE FOR SACRIFICING  
YOURSELF FOR ALL OF HUMANITY!

BANG

BANG

CAPTAIN, TRY TO  
THINK RATIONALLY!



IF THIS GOLDEN AGE FOR  
HUMAN CIVILIZATION CONTINUES,  
I'LL BE REMEMBERED IN HISTORY  
AS A GREAT PIONEER IN SPACE  
EXPLORATION FOR HUMANITY.





WELL, IS THIS THING GOING  
TO GIVE ME A STRONG IMPULSE?

THAT'S IT.  
I'M THE HERO WHO  
SAVED THE WORLD,  
NOT THE TYPE  
OF...





IF THINGS GO WRONG,  
YOU'LL GO TO THAT NICE WORLD  
YOU BELIEVE IN.

WE'LL ALL GET WHATEVER  
WE BELIEVE IN.

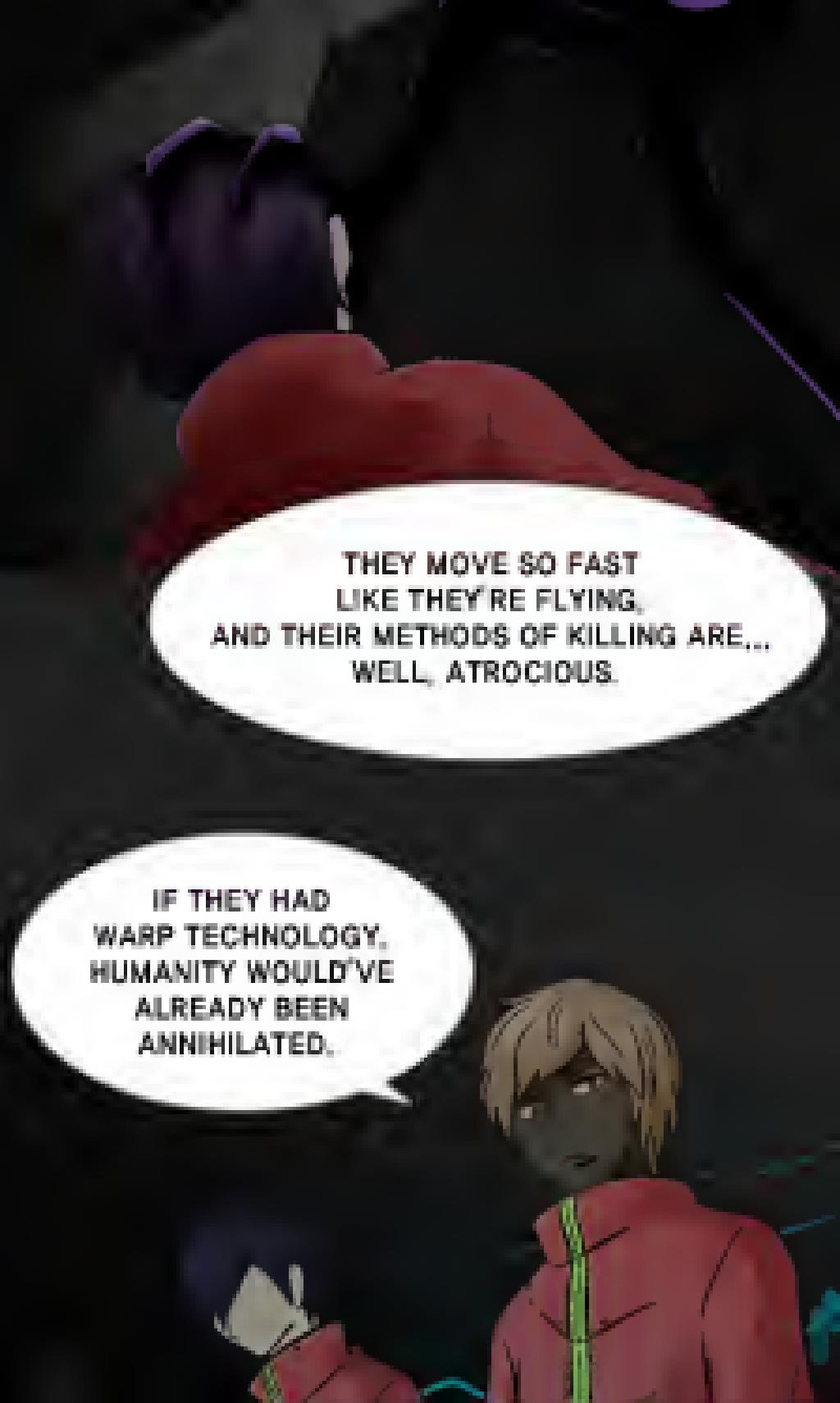
I JUST HOPE MY FAMILY  
BACK ON EARTH'LL  
BE OKAY. I DON'T NEED  
AN AFTERLIFE.



THERE'S AN INTELLIGENT  
LIFE FORM. IT ATTACKED OUR  
FIFTH BASE IN THE DESERT  
REGION!

HOW DOES THAT MAKE THEM INTELLIGENT?  
THEY'RE NOT THE FIRST SPECIES TO  
MAKE A LAST, FRANTIC ATTEMPT TO SURVIVE...

BUT, THIS ISN'T A PRIMITIVE  
TYPE OF ATTACK...



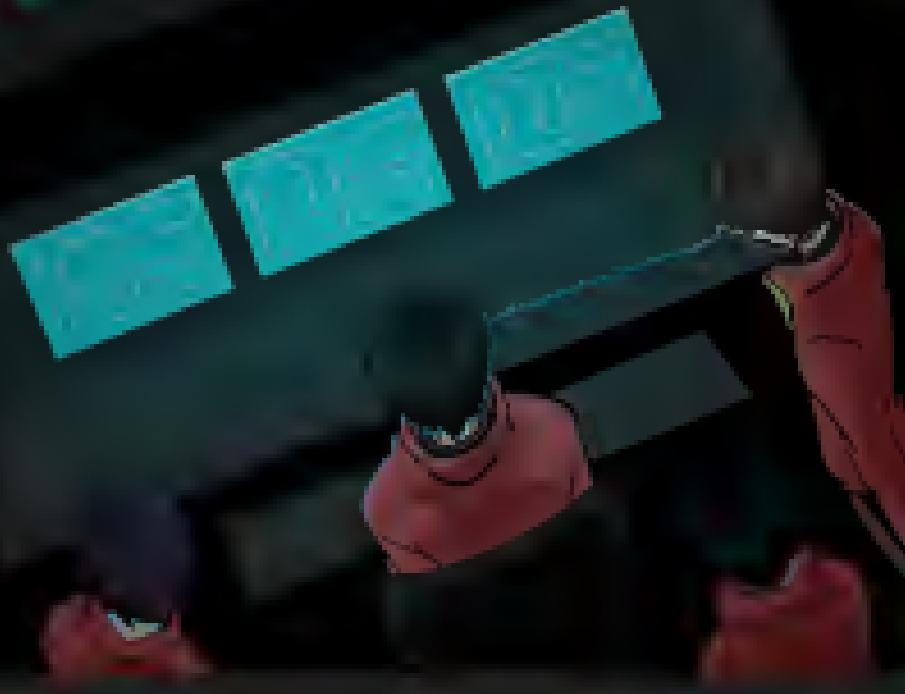
THEY MOVE SO FAST  
LIKE THEY'RE FLYING,  
AND THEIR METHODS OF KILLING ARE...  
WELL, ATROCIOUS.

IF THEY HAD  
WARP TECHNOLOGY,  
HUMANITY WOULD'VE  
ALREADY BEEN  
ANNIHILATED.

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AFTER MAKING CONTACT WITH EARTH ONE,  
THE ANSWER WE RECEIVED WAS:



THE PRIMARY MISSION IS TO RETRIEVE  
THE WARP DEVICE AND  
RETURN TO EARTH,

BUT IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE,  
USE A NUCLEAR BOMB TO COMPLETELY  
WIPE OUT THE PLANET.

AND RETRIEVING THE WARP DEVICE WITH  
ANY OTHER WEAPON WAS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE.

NOT LONG AFTER THE FIGHT BEGAN,  
I WAS THE LAST HUMAN LEFT ON THIS PLANET.

A man with dark hair and a light-colored shirt holds a dark book. A woman with long red hair and a brown shirt looks up at him. They are standing in front of a large orange and yellow sunset or fire. Two speech bubbles are above them.

N-NOT  
AT ALL!

I THINK IT'S ADMIRABLE THAT  
YOU'VE AT LEAST OVERCOME  
YOUR FEAR WITH RELIGION AND  
HAVE ACTUALLY BECOME  
AN ASTRONAUT.

SO CAPTAIN, ARE THERE ANY  
ALIENS LIKE THEM IN YOUR  
RELIGION'S AFTERLIFE?

HUH?  
OBVIOUSLY NOT...  
WHY WOULD THERE BE?

THE PEOPLE ON EARTH ONE ARE URGING ME ON,

BECAUSE IF I DIE,  
THERE'D BE NO ONE LEFT TO STOP THEM,  
AND THERE'S NO WAY OF TELLING  
WHAT THEY MIGHT DO IF THEY COMPLETE THEIR  
OWN WARP TECHNOLOGY.



HOWEVER, IF I DETONATE THE NUKE,  
HUMANITY WOULD BE SAFE.

PLEASE... LET THERE BE



ANOTHER WORLD WAITING FOR ME  
AFTER I DIE HERE,,,



A dark, moody illustration. In the upper right, a man with short hair and a mustache, wearing a red jacket over a black shirt, looks down with a somber expression. Below him, another man's face is partially visible, looking up. The background is dark and indistinct.

...ARE YOU...

TRYING TO TELL ME THAT  
IF I DIE HERE, THERE'S  
NO AFTERLIFE TO GO TO?

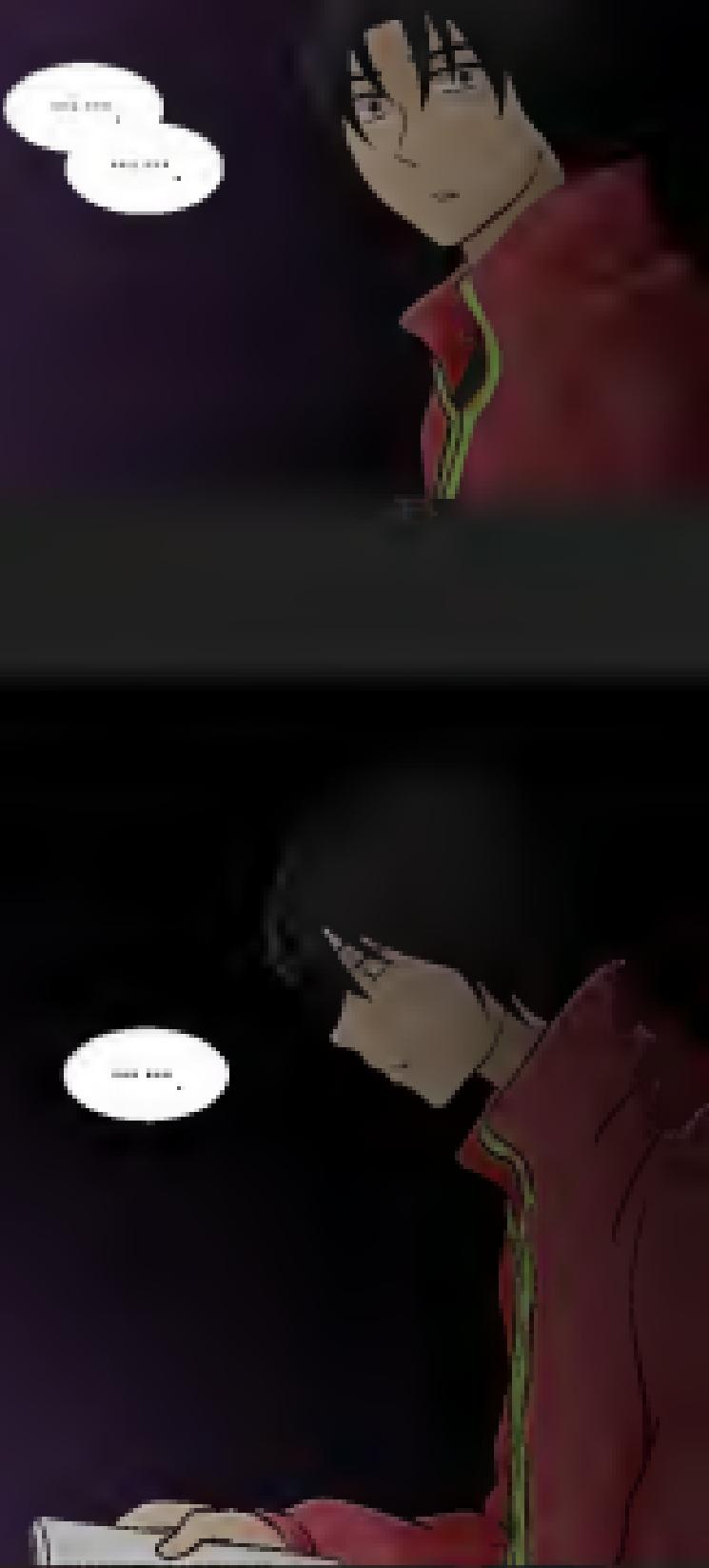


SIR! SOMETHING'S  
WRONG!

...?

FOR YOUR HEINOUS  
CRIME OF SLAUGHTERING  
TWO BILLION OF OUR FELLOW  
ALIEN CREATURES,

THE COURT WILL NOW ISSUE  
YOUR AFTERLIFE SENTENCE.





SO YOU BELIEVE IN THAT  
KINDA THING, HUH?

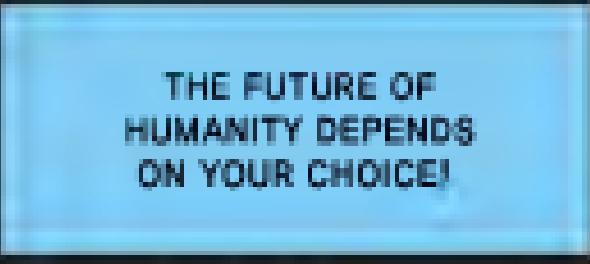
I'D RATHER TRY MY BEST  
TO GET BACK TO MY FAMILY  
THAN BELIEVE IN SOME  
AFTERLIFE...



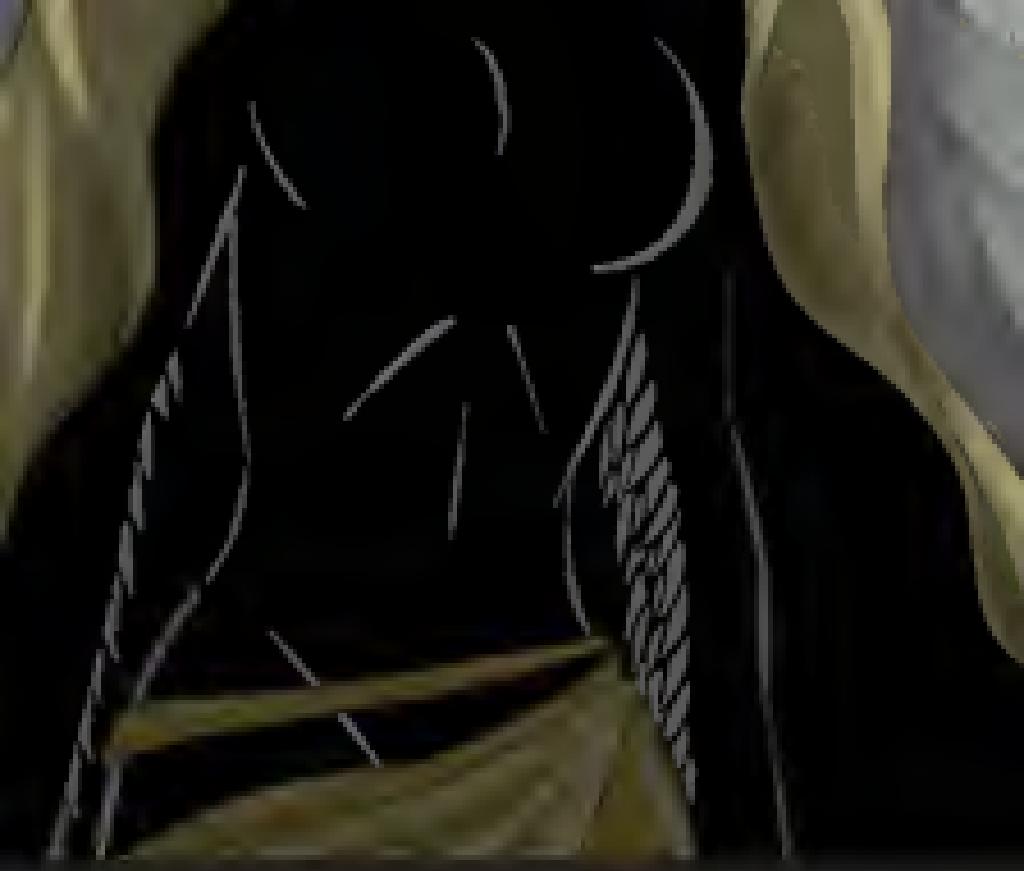


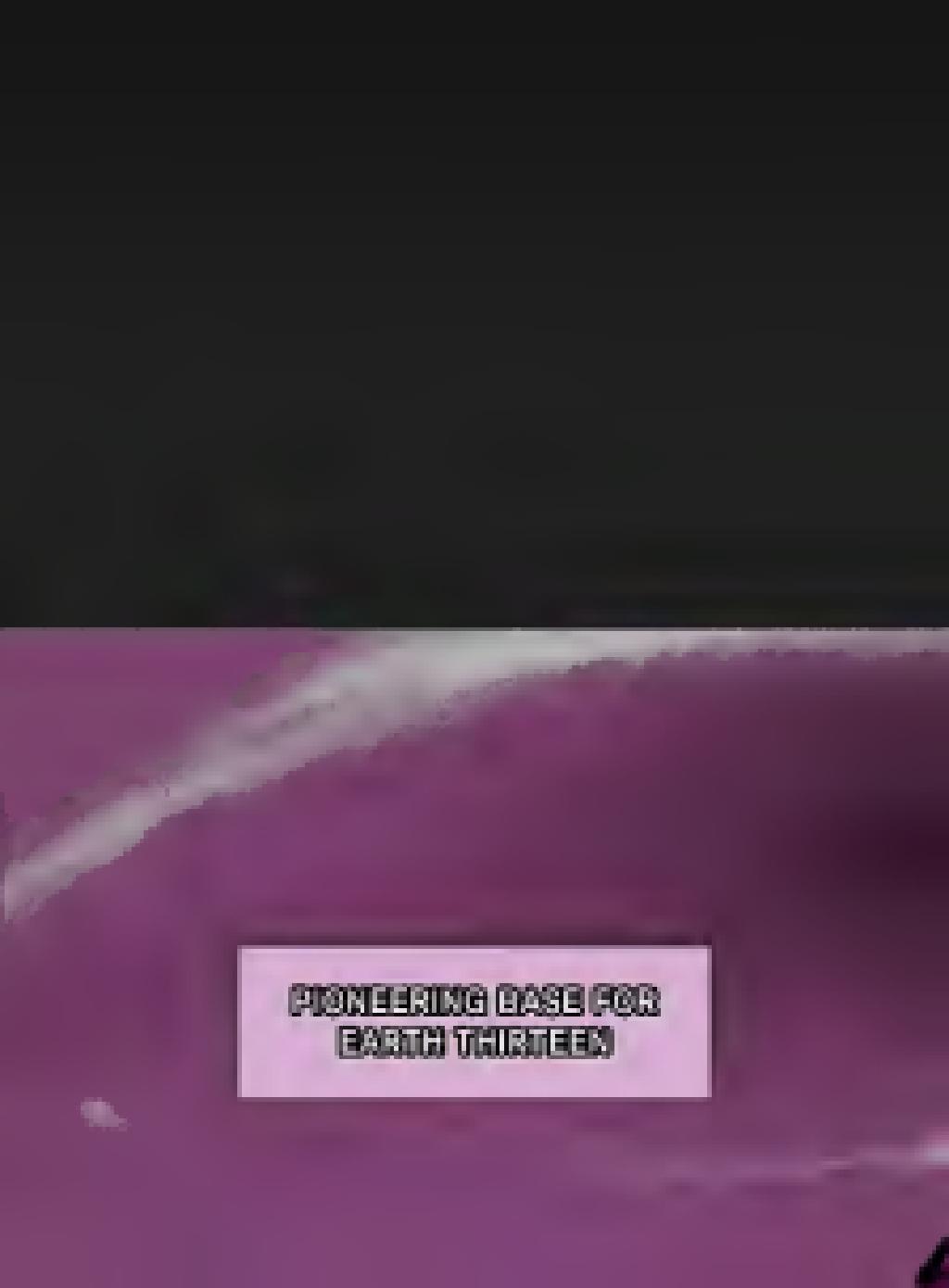
WITH US BEING HERE,  
THEY MAY SUDDENLY DECIDE TO  
ADVANCE THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL  
CAPABILITIES.

SO LET'S JUST PULL  
OUT OF HERE BEFORE  
IT'S TOO LATE,



**THE FUTURE OF  
HUMANITY DEPENDS  
ON YOUR CHOICE!**





**PIONEERING BASE FOR  
EARTH THIRTEEN**



**BUT IN REALITY,  
NONE OF THESE PROBLEMS OCCURRED,  
AND WITH THE SENSIBLE DEVELOPMENT  
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HUMANITY  
OVERCAME EVERY DIFFICULTY IT FACED.**

**WHILE THEY DEVELOPED WARP TECHNOLOGY  
WHICH ALLOWED PEOPLE TO TRAVEL  
VAST DISTANCES IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE,  
OCCUPIED SUITABLE PLANETS AND  
WERE CREATING A EARTH TWELVE**



SO I BELIEVE IN THIS.  
I NEED TO BELIEVE IN  
GOD AND AN AFTERLIFE  
TO CALM MYSELF...

SILLY, HUH? AN ASTRONAUT  
WHO CLINGS TO RELIGION BECAUSE  
HE'S AFRAID OF SPACE.

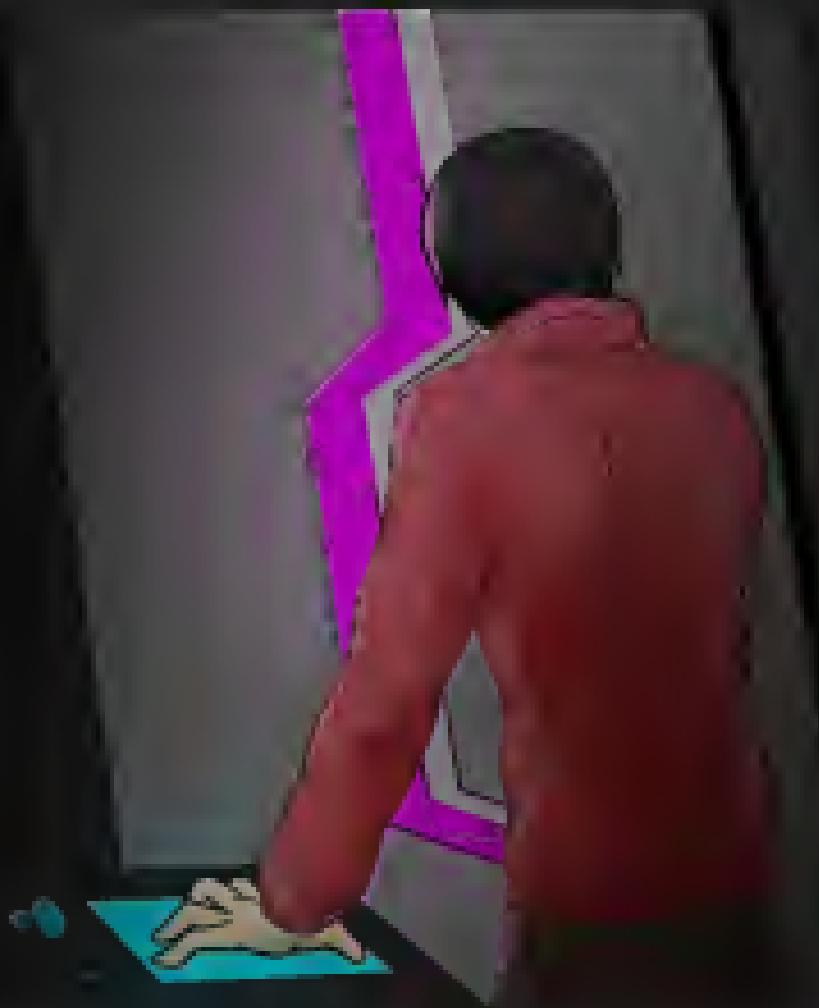




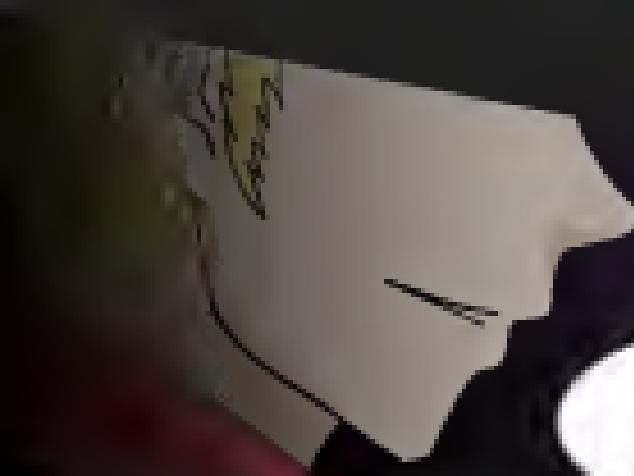
IT HURT MY PRIDE,  
BUT I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO  
ISSUE A RETREAT ORDER AND  
GET READY TO HEAD BACK.

BUT THEN...

IT'D BE BETTER TO JUST DIE HERE  
WITH A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION.



THEN AT LEAST  
I'D BE REMEMBERED ON EARTH AS A HERO.



...THAT'S WHAT  
I THOUGHT.

I'VE MET MY SHARE OF  
RELIGIOUS PEOPLE...  
BUT I'VE NEVER ONCE HEARD  
ANYONE SAY THEY'VE SEEN AN  
ALIEN GHOST OR THAT  
THEY WERE AN ALIEN IN  
A PREVIOUS LIFE,

MAYBE THIS "AFTERLIFE"  
ONLY APPLIES TO  
CREATURES WHO  
DIE ON EARTH.



WHAT'RE YOU  
READING, ZOO?  
**ANOTHER RELIGIOUS  
BOOK?**

**YEAH, I ALWAYS  
KEEP IT BY MY SIDE.**



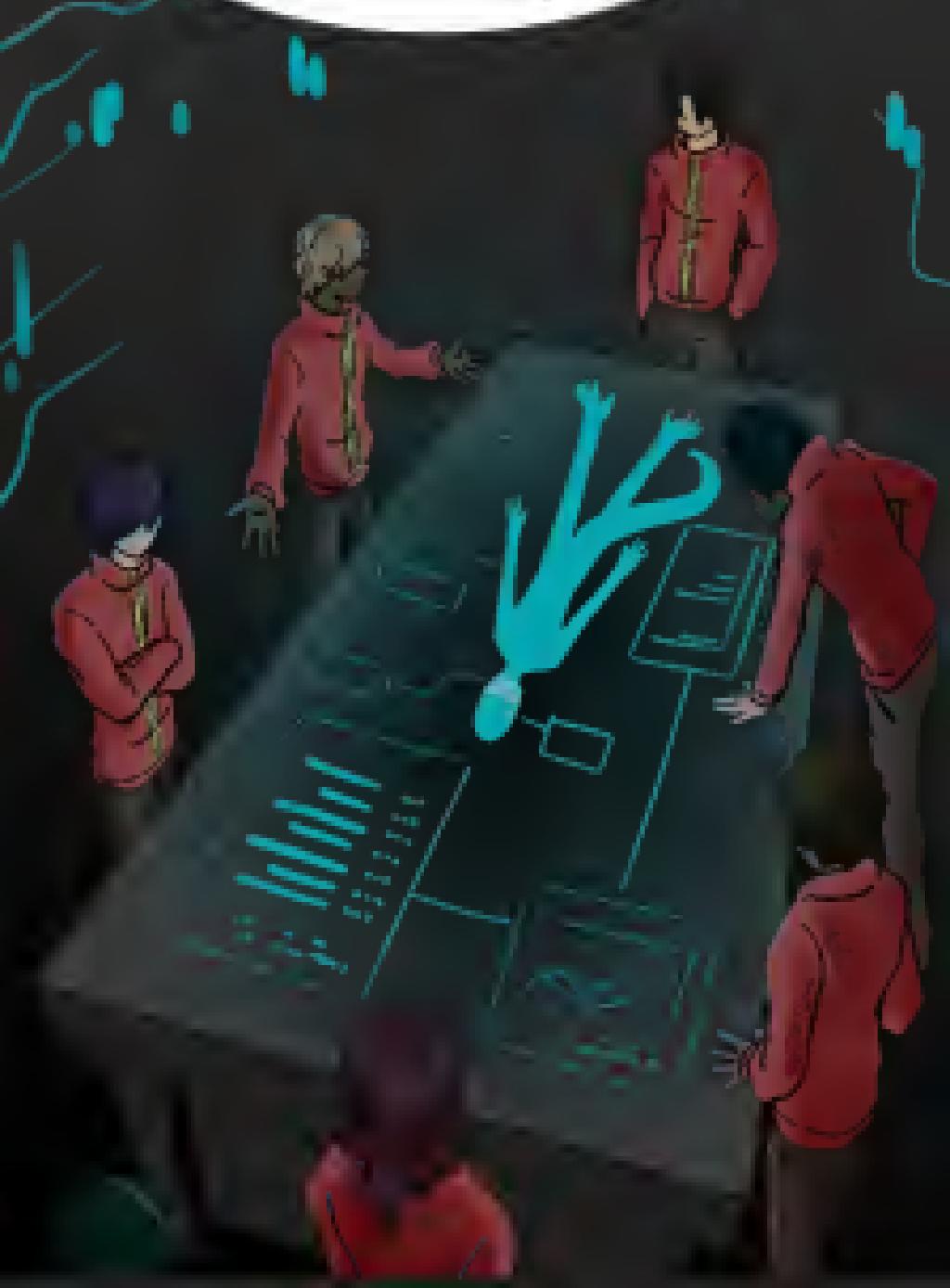
THERE WEREN'T ANY SERIOUS  
THREATS TO HUMANITY.

ALIEN CREATURES WERE ALL PRIMITIVE  
BEASTS WITH A FAR INFERIOR  
INTELLECTUAL LEVEL

THE SITUATION DETERIORATED  
TO THE WORST ONE IMAGINABLE.

WE MAY HAVE HAD SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY,  
BUT WE WERE FAR INFERIOR IN NUMBERS  
AND PHYSICAL STRENGTH.

LET'S JUST ABANDON  
THE PROJECT AND GET OUTTA  
HERE SINCE NOT ONLY  
ARE THESE THINGS SMART-  
PHYSICALLY, THEY'RE  
FAR SUPERIOR.



YOU'LL DIE NO MATTER  
WHAT YOU DO,  
BUT AT LEAST...



HOW CAN YOU SAY  
SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!

ZIO, GOD WILL SURELY COMMEND  
YOUR SELF-SACRIFICING SPIRIT.



I KNEW IT... I HAD TO GET TO THE MOUNTAIN.  
EVEN THOUGH IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LONG TIME,  
I STILL HAVE TO TRY TO GET TO THE MOUNTAIN.



I'M GOING TO GET TO THE MOUNTAIN.  
I'M GOING TO GET TO THE MOUNTAIN...



CHH

CHH

I'M SURE HE'LL SAVE YOU THE BEST PLACE  
OF ALL IN PARADISE FOR SACRIFICING  
YOURSELF FOR ALL OF HUMANITY!



WHAT'RE YOU READING  
A RELIGIOUS BOOK FOR IN  
A SITUATION LIKE THIS,  
CAPTAIN?

THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF  
TIME WHEN I NEED STRENGTH  
AND RESOLUTION.

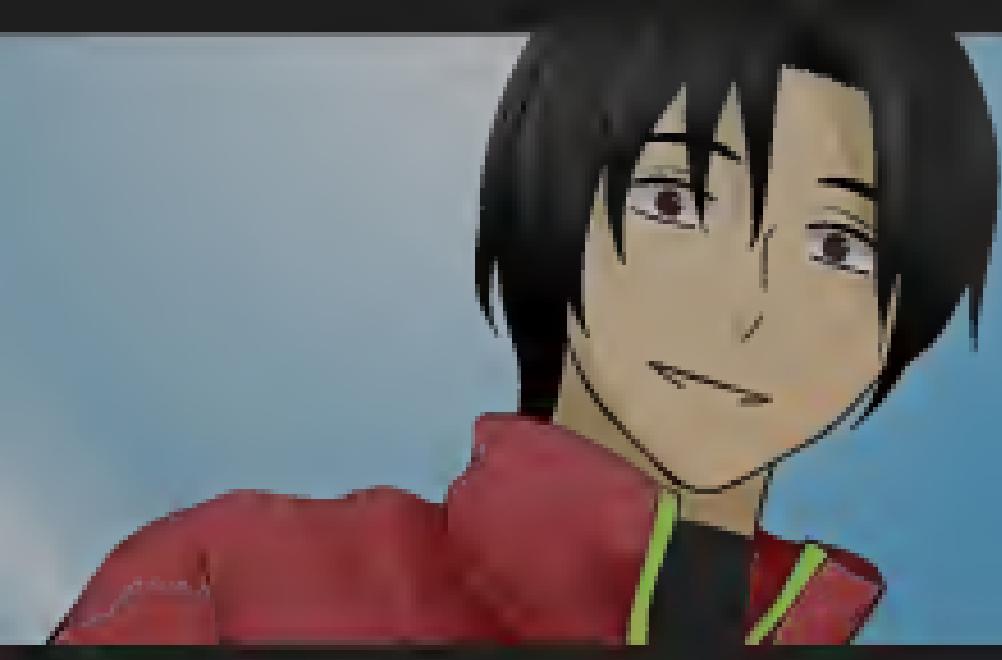


BELIEVING IN A RELIGION  
IN WHICH THERE'S AN  
AFTERLIFE GIVES ME  
THE COURAGE NOT TO  
FEAR DEATH.

**BANG**

**BANG**





THEY BOMBED US, USING MISSILES.

WHILE THE NUCLEAR BOMB WAS  
THE STRONGEST WEAPON WE HAD  
TO ANNIHILATE THEM IN AN INSTANT,  
IT WOULD ALSO DESTROY THE WARP  
DEVICE AND CONSEQUENTLY OURSELVES.  
SO IT WAS THE LAST RESORT,





I'M ACTUALLY TERRIFIED  
OF THE UNIVERSE.

WHAT IF I'M LEFT BEHIND,  
ALL ALONE IN THAT VAST SPACE;  
IF I DIE UP THERE, THEY'LL  
NEVER FIND MY BODY,



SO IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TRAVELLING  
AND COMMUNICATING BETWEEN EARTHS  
ONE TO TWELVE, PEOPLE NEEDED TO ENDLESSLY  
CONQUER NEW PLANETS IN ORDER TO  
COLLECT WARP ENERGY.

BUT THE TIME WHEN THIS WAS A  
PROBLEM WAS A GOLDEN AGE FOR  
SOMEONE WITH MY JOB.

YOU'RE THE MOST DEVOUT  
RELIGIOUS PERSON I'VE  
EVER SEEN AROUND HERE.  
IS THERE A REASON YOU HAVE  
SUCH STRONG FAITH?



IF I TELL YOU...  
IT MIGHT SOUND  
KIND OF SILLY...

CHRONOLOGIE DES MÉTIERS

DU 19<sup>e</sup> SIECLE AU PRESENT

(AFTER I'M GONE)\_END OF EPISODE

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I GUESS I SHOULD  
THANK YOUR GOD.  
WITHOUT HIM, WE MAY  
HAVE LOST THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST ASTRONAUT.

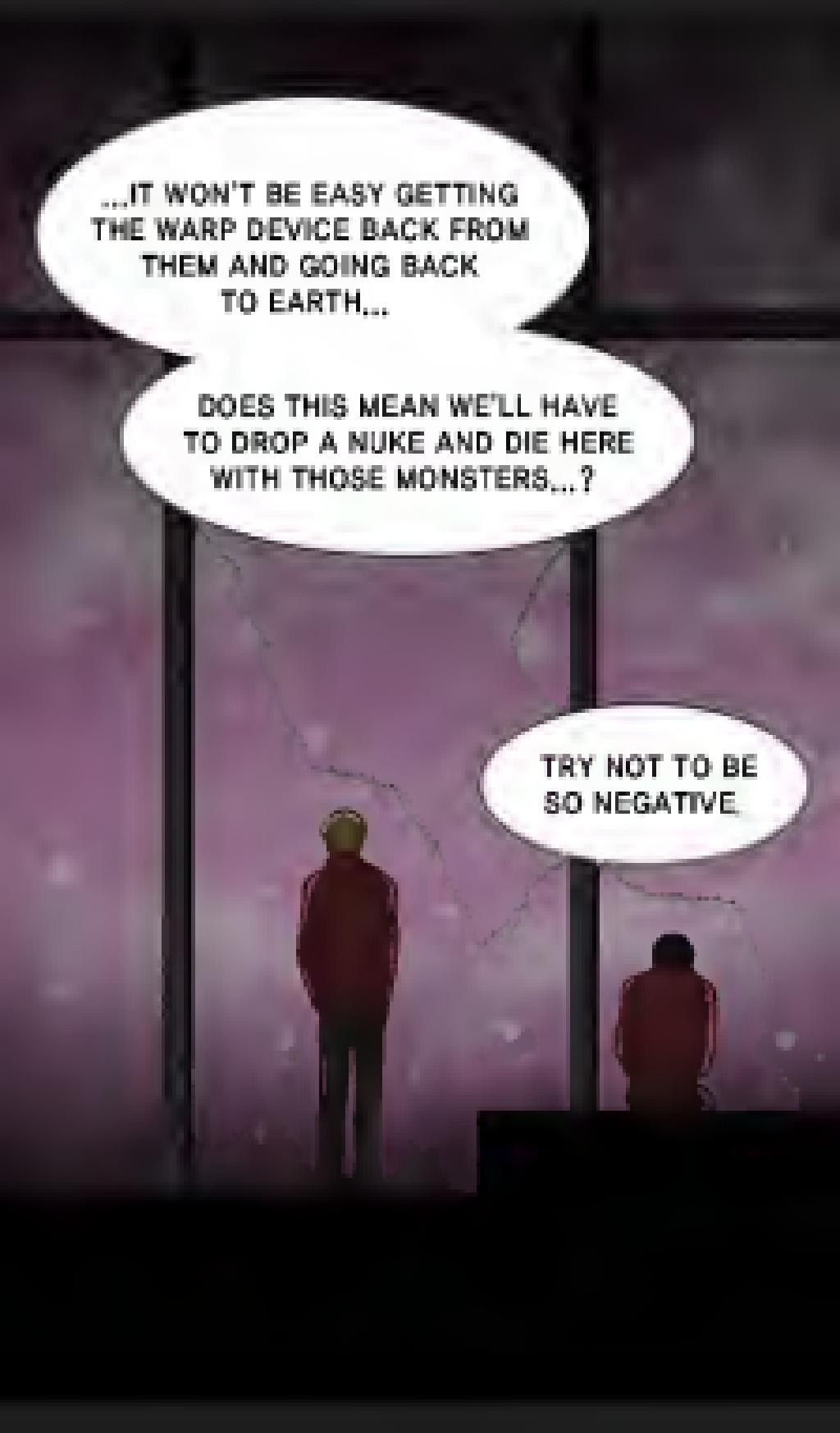
HAHA...  
THANKS FOR  
SAYING SO.

ONE DAY, AS OUR PIONEERING ADVANCE  
INTO SPACE WENT ON WITHOUT A HITCH,

WE ENCOUNTERED A PREVIOUSLY  
UNSEEN PROBLEM ON THE PLANET  
WE HAD CHOSEN AS THE THIRTEENTH EARTH  
IN ORDER TO HARVEST WARP ENERGY.

THE ADVANCED CREATURES HIDING  
ON THE EARTH THIRTEEN HAD  
A LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY SIMILAR TO  
THAT OF HUMANITY IN THE 20TH CENTURY  
ON THE FIRST EARTH,





...IT WON'T BE EASY GETTING  
THE WARP DEVICE BACK FROM  
THEM AND GOING BACK  
TO EARTH...

DOES THIS MEAN WE'LL HAVE  
TO DROP A NUKE AND DIE HERE  
WITH THOSE MONSTERS...?

TRY NOT TO BE  
SO NEGATIVE.

OH CRAP, WHEN THE  
HELL DID THEY DO THAT...

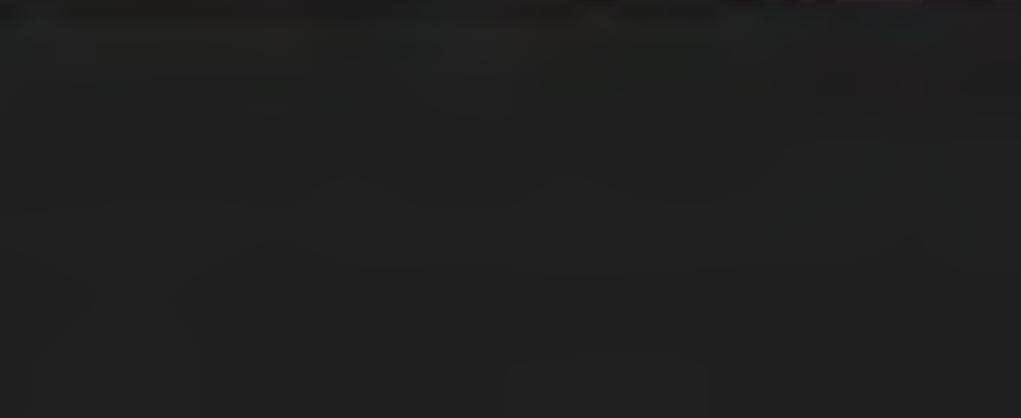


...HOLY CRAP

IS THAT REALLY SO?



COULD I, A MAN STRANDED ALL ALONE  
IN THIS ENORMOUS UNIVERSE,  
REALLY GET TO GO TO THE PLACE  
I BELIEVE IN AFTER I DIE?



YOU'LL DIE NO MATTER  
WHAT YOU DO.  
BUT AT LEAST...



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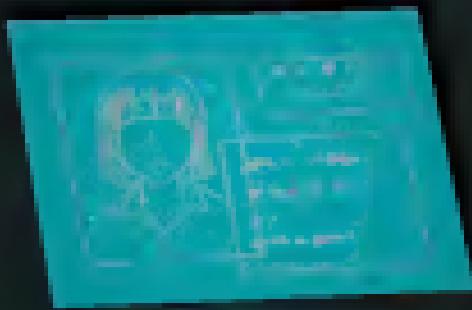
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I'M  
GONE

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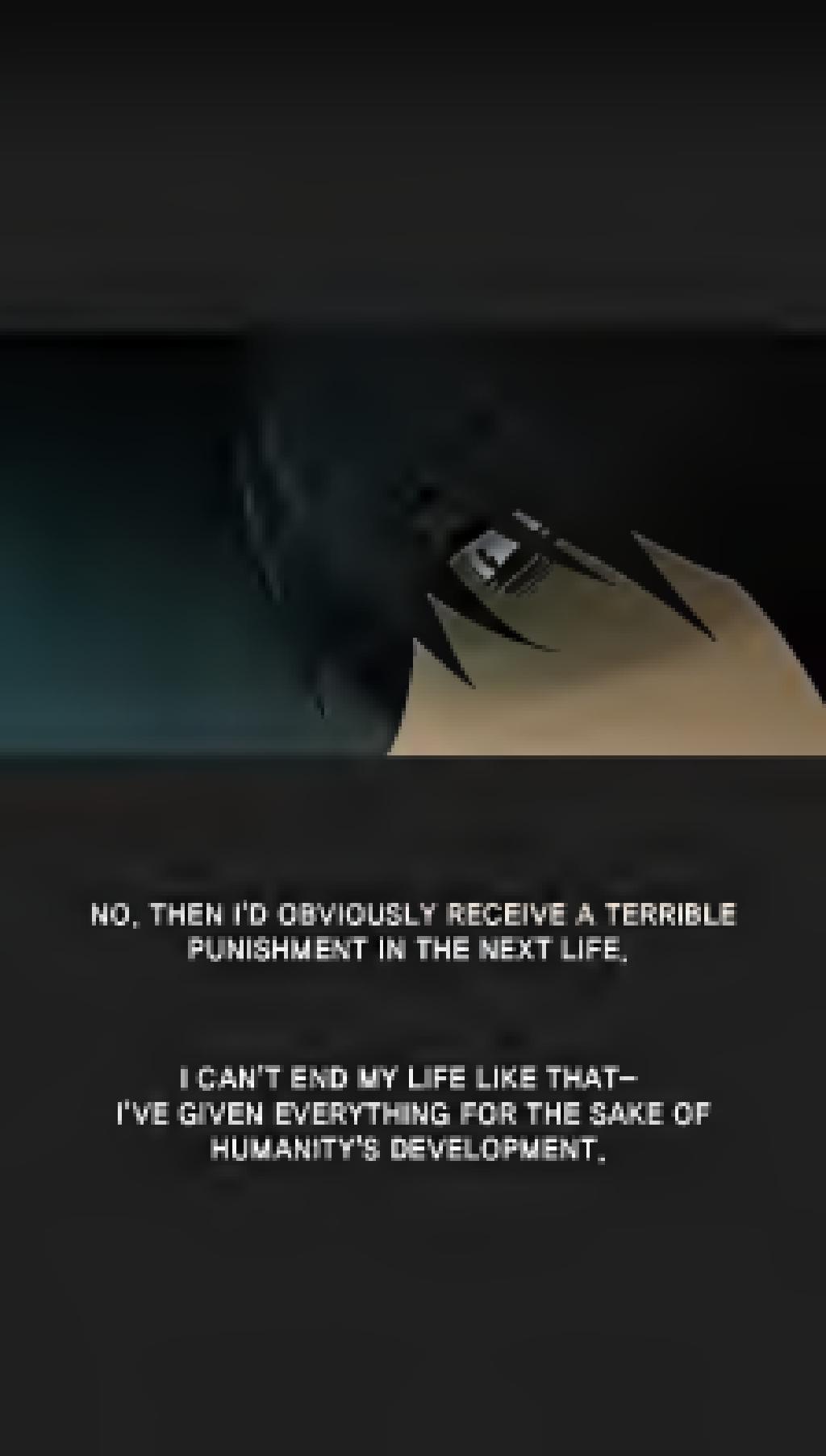
AND WERE ERADICATED LIKE INSECTS  
BEFORE HUMANITY'S SUPERIOR SCIENTIFIC  
TECHNOLOGY.

THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THE ENERGY  
REQUIRED FOR WARP TRAVEL.  
THE AMOUNT OF OBTAINABLE ENERGY  
FROM EACH PLANET IS LIMITED.

THIS WAS THE ONLY FAILURE  
ON MY WORK RECORD.

IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF  
THE PLANET ITSELF HAD BEEN THE PROBLEM,  
BUT RETREATING BECAUSE OF AN ALIEN RACE  
WITH TECHNOLOGY FAR BEHIND OUR OWN...





NO, THEN I'D OBVIOUSLY RECEIVE A TERRIBLE  
PUNISHMENT IN THE NEXT LIFE.

I CAN'T END MY LIFE LIKE THAT--  
I'VE GIVEN EVERYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF  
HUMANITY'S DEVELOPMENT.